

Patent Claims

1. A method for converting a three-party telecommunications connection, which is switched
5 via a public communications network, between two subscriber lines and a further subscriber line or between two subscriber lines and an operator's position, the three-party telecommunications connection being routed via the telecommunications switching office (VST B) to which the further subscriber line or the operator's position is connected, into a two-party telecommunications connection between the two aforesaid subscriber lines, characterized in that the telecommunications switching office (VST B) to which the further subscriber line or the operator's position is connected initiates, after the reception of a request originating from the further subscriber line or from the operator's position, the setup of a new direct telecommunications connection between the two aforesaid subscriber lines by virtue of the fact that the telecommunications switching office (VST B) connected to the further subscriber line or the switching office requests one of the two telecommunications switching offices (VST A) to which the two aforesaid subscriber lines are respectively connected to set up the new telecommunications connection in accordance with a selection which is made as a function of the tariff model which forms the basis of the billing system, and that after a successful setup of the direct telecommunications connection the existing sections of the three-party telecommunications connection which is routed via this telecommunications switching office (VST B) are released between these two subscriber lines and

AMENDED SHEET

09979532-111901

199901852
16-07-2001

- 9a -

DE0001505

the further subscriber line or the operator's position.

- 5 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the two aforesaid subscriber lines between which a new direct telecommunications connection is set up

are connected to a common telecommunications switching office (VST A and VST C).

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
5 characterized in that the telecommunications switching office (VST A) which is requested to set up the new telecommunications connection receives a uniquely defined ringing signal and/or the call
10 number of the second subscriber line from the telecommunications switching office (VST C) which accepts the new telecommunications connection and to which the second subscriber line of the two
aforesaid subscriber lines is connected.

10679532.11901

ADD A17